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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Fumio HASHIMOTO, *et al.*
Serial No. 10/557,607
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Group Art Unit: 1638
Examiner: Keith O. Robinson
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For: METHOD FOR CROSSING FLOWERING PLANTS BASED ON THEIR
PIGMENT GENOTYPES

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 8.